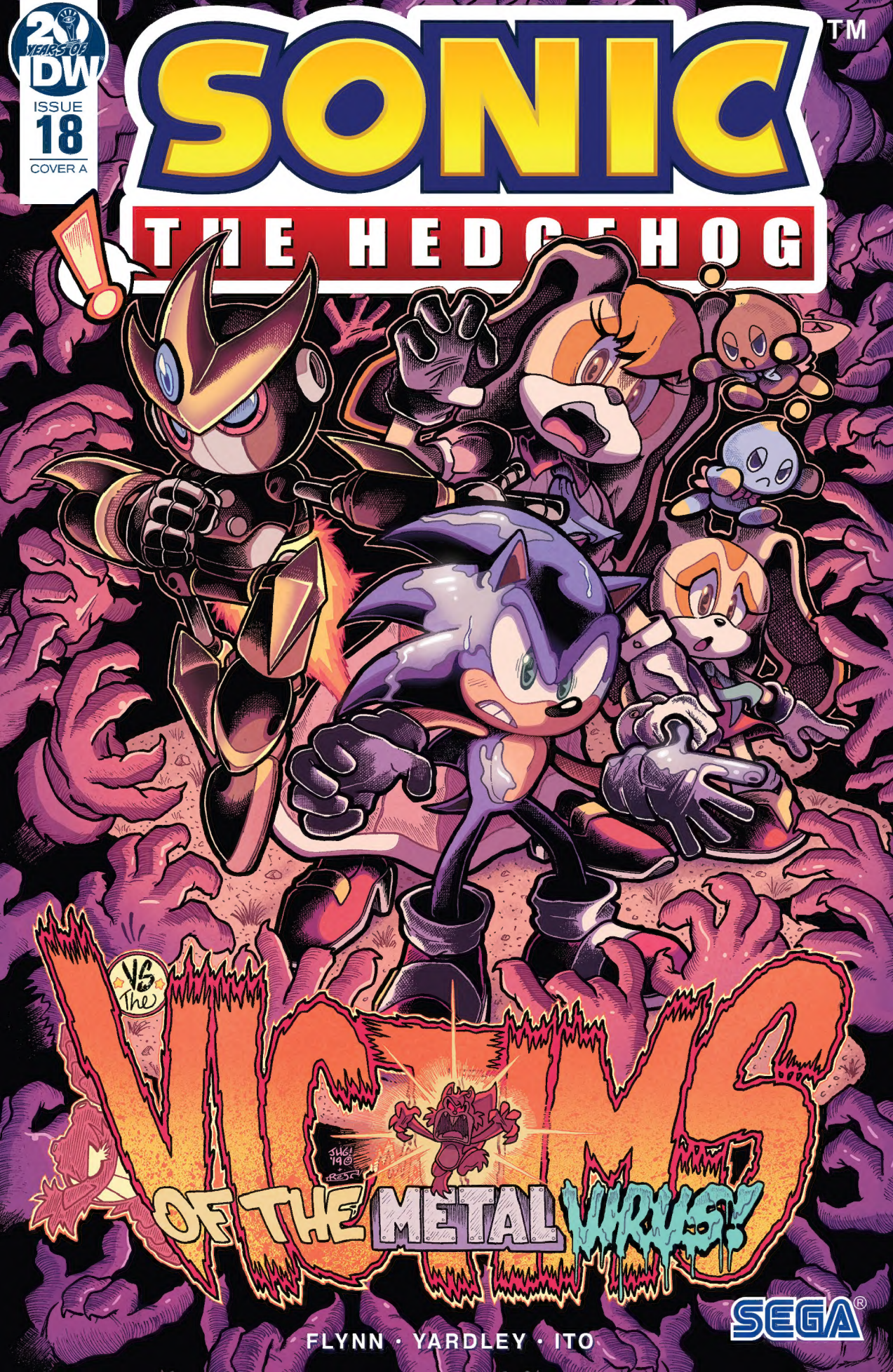


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STORY SO FAR...

Dr. Eggman has returned with one of his most sinister plots yet: the Metal Virus! The Metal Virus infects living organic matter and turns it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and respond only to Eggman's command. Cities and heroes—including Sonic himself—have already been infected by Eggman's virus, though only Sonic has been able to resist full infection. Now, Eggman's Faceship plots a course for Cream the Rabbit's home of Floral Forest Village...



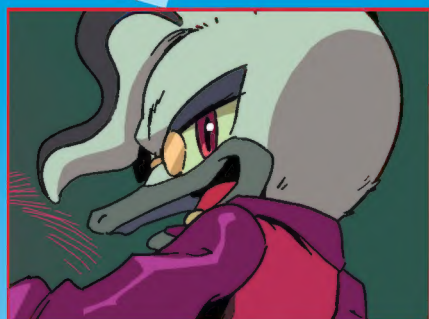
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The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



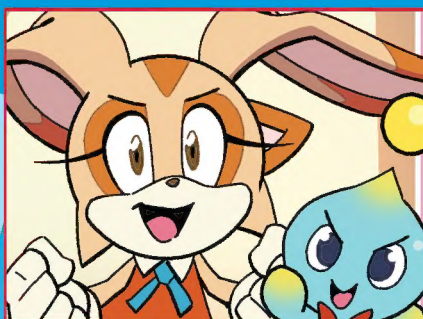
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Mad Genius Restored.
Eggman Empire.



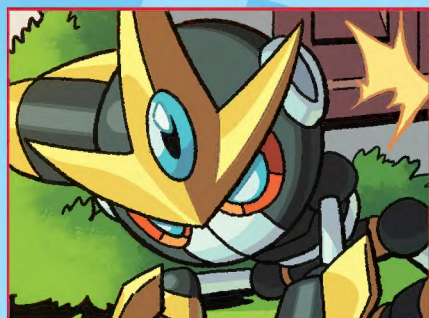
DR. STARLINE

Aspiring Villain.
Eggman Empire.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Gentle Heroine.
Restoration ally.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
Cream's Protector.



VANILLA THE RABBIT

Loving Mother.
Restoration ally.



CHEESE AND CHOCOLA

Cream and Vanilla's Companions.
Child-like Chao.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR.

THIS VILLAGE IS TOO REMOTE TO BE OF ANY STRATEGIC VALUE. WHY ARE WE GOING OUT OF THE WAY TO INFECT IT?

IT'S TWOFOLD, MY DEAR STARLINE. ONCE FULLY CONVERTED, THIS LUSH SPACE WILL BECOME A VERITABLE MINEFIELD OF METAL VIRUS INFECTION VECTORS THAT NOT EVEN SONIC CAN AVOID!

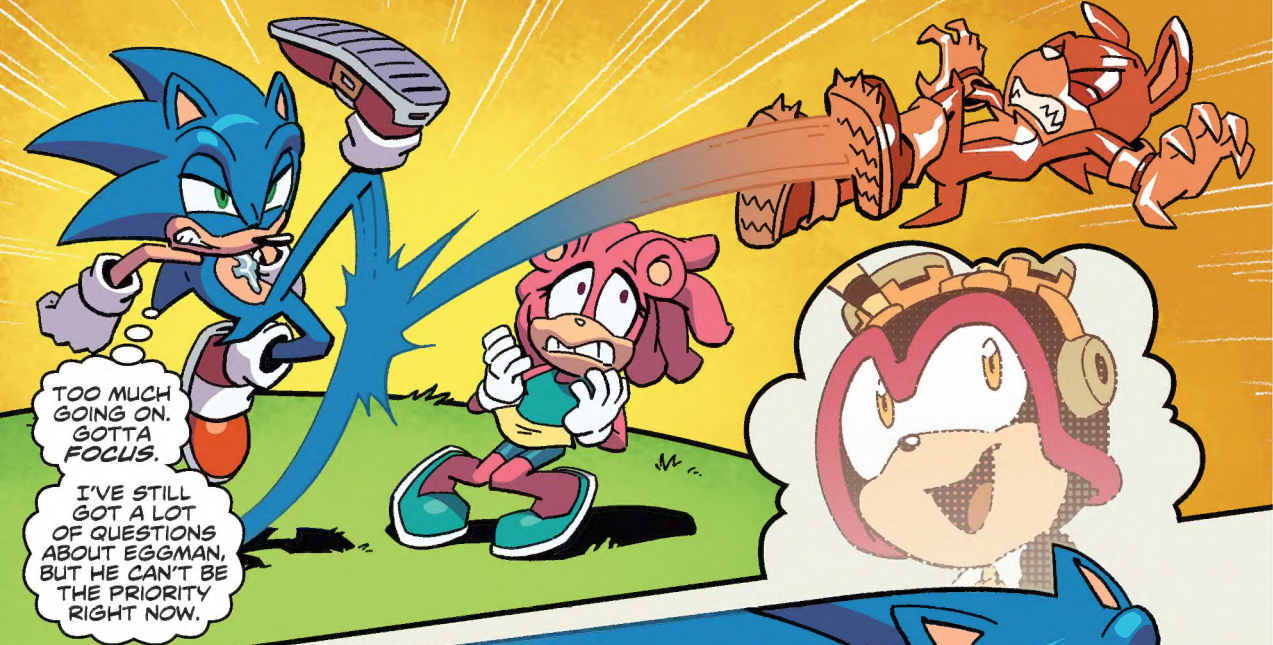
AND HE'LL STILL RUN RIGHT INTO IT ALL BECAUSE HE HAS SOME DEAR FRIENDS HERE! WHAT BETTER WAY TO BREAK HIS WILL...

FLORAL FOREST VILLAGE.

...THAN TO HIT HIM WHERE IT HURTS! HAVING FUN, SONIC?! HA HA HA HA HA!

WHEN I'M DONE DOWN HERE, WE'RE GONNA HAVE WORDS, EGGMAN!





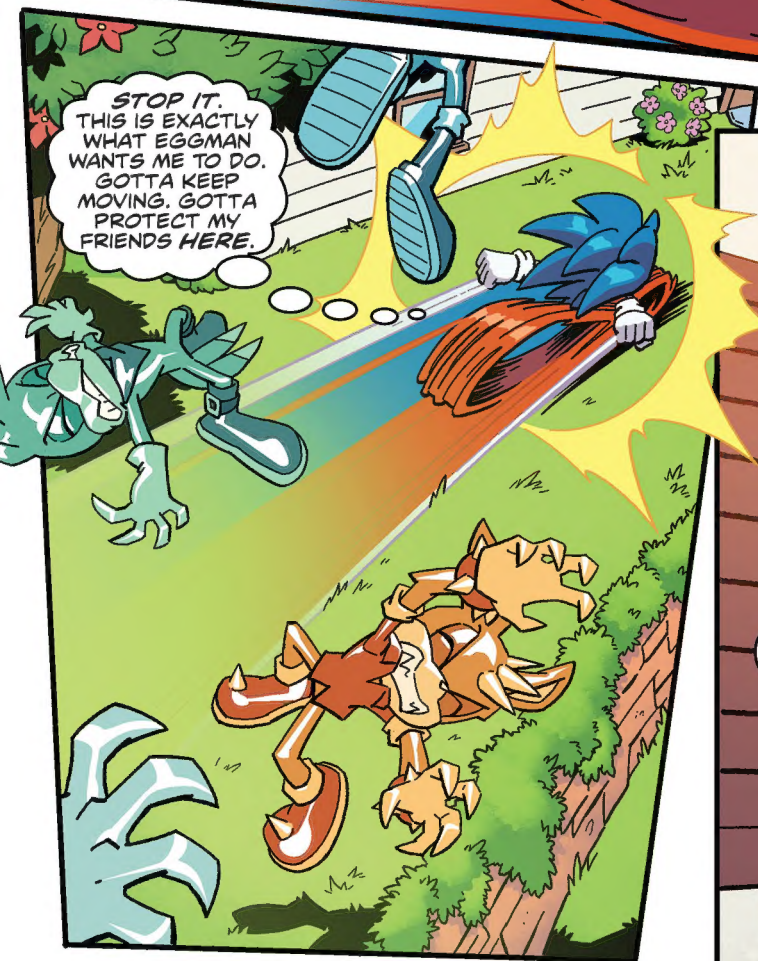
TOO MUCH GOING ON. GOTTA FOCUS.

I'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT EGGMAN, BUT HE CAN'T BE THE PRIORITY RIGHT NOW.

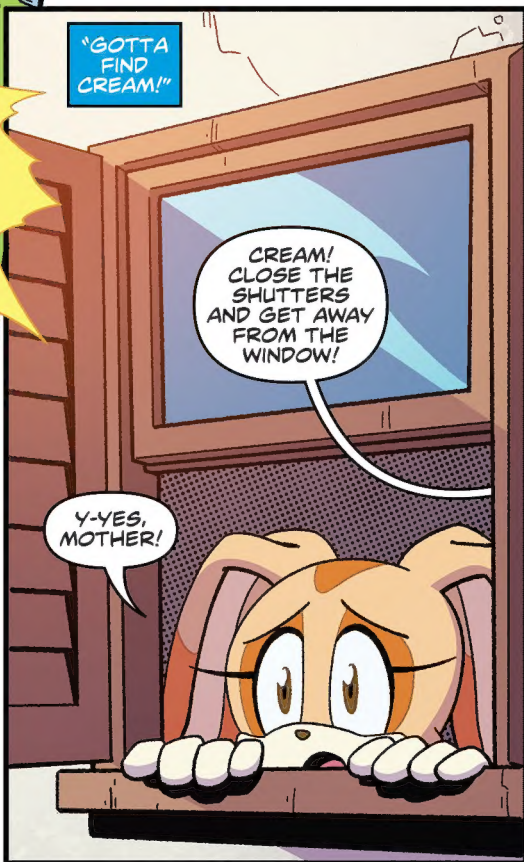
I COULDN'T FIND CHARMY— COULDN'T SAVE HIM.* POOR KID GOT WRAPPED UP IN SOMETHING WAY TOO BIG FOR HIMSELF. AND IF THE SAME THING HAPPENS TO HER...



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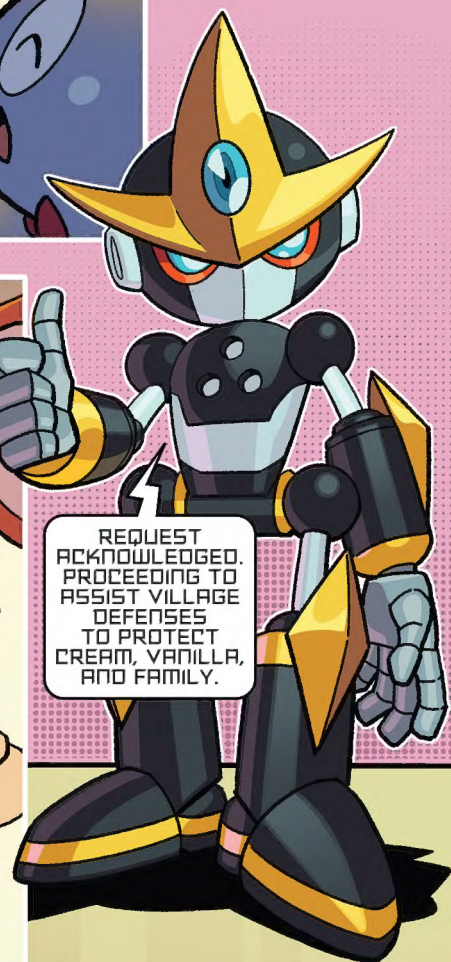
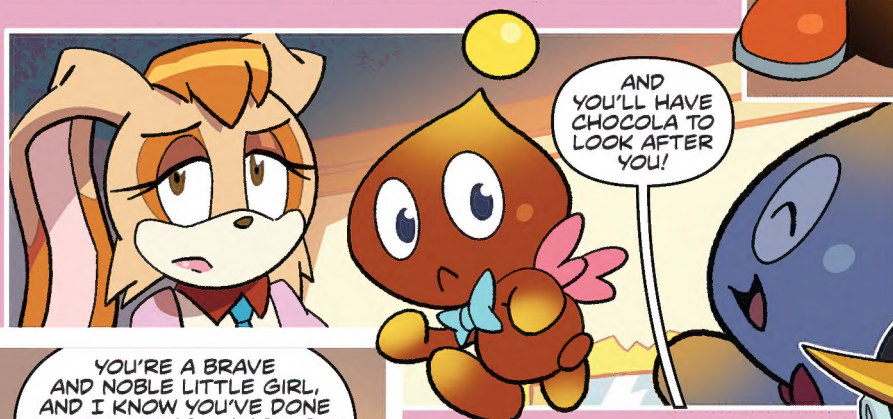
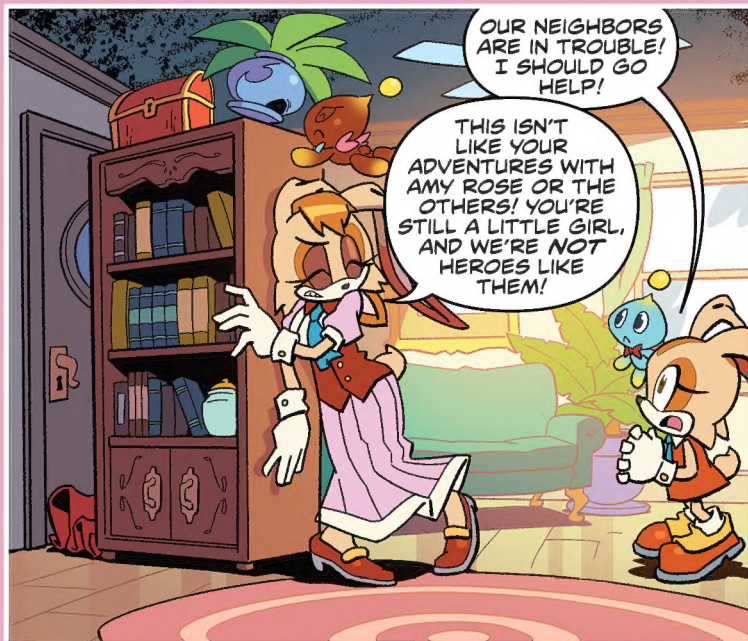
STOP IT. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT EGGMAN WANTS ME TO DO. GOTTA KEEP MOVING. GOTTA PROTECT MY FRIENDS HERE.

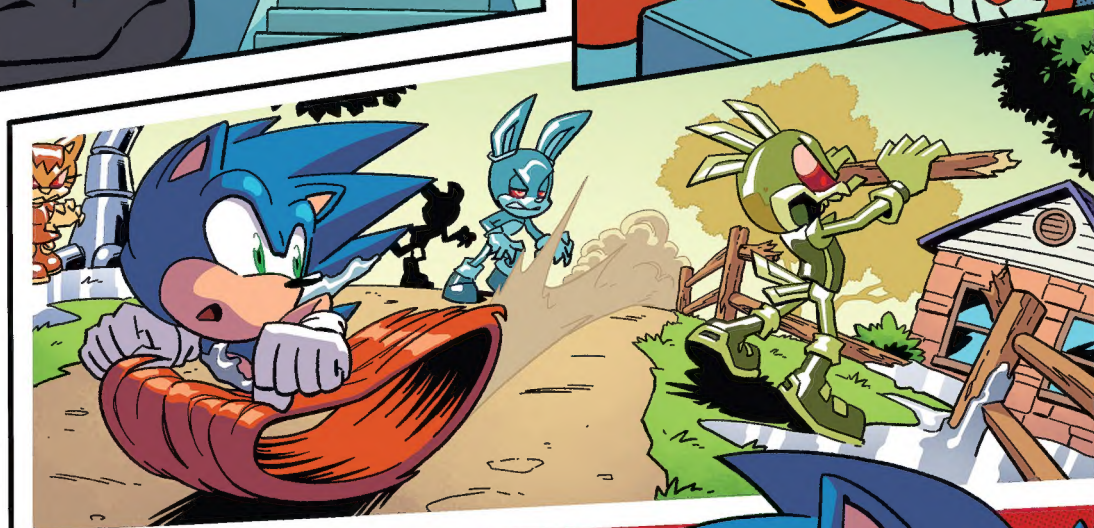


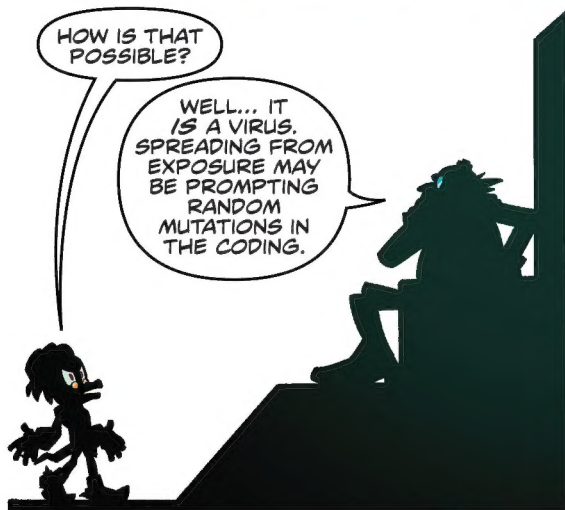
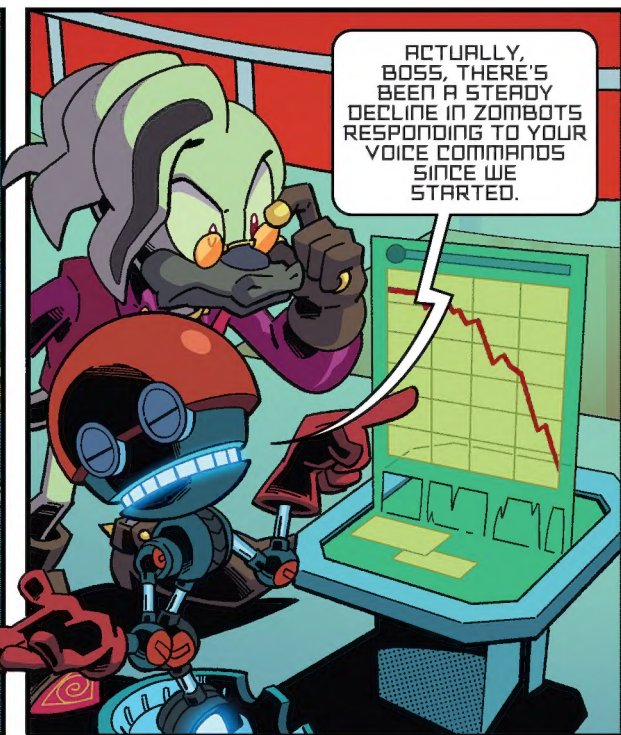
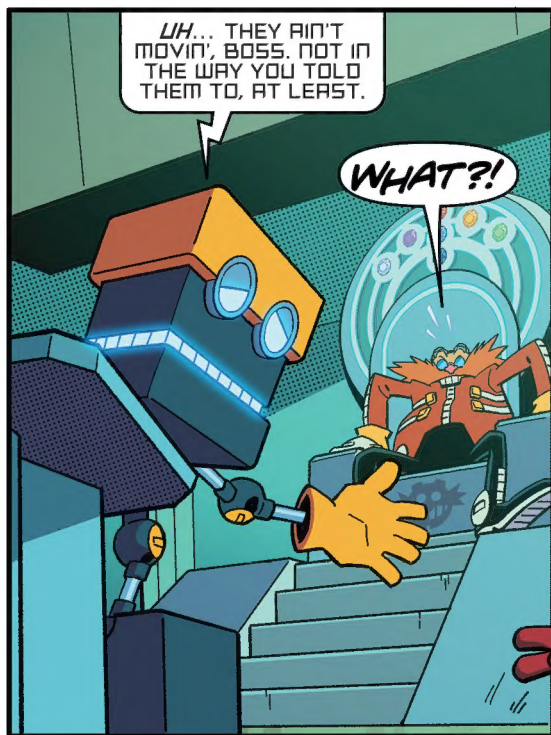
"GOTTA FIND CREAM!"

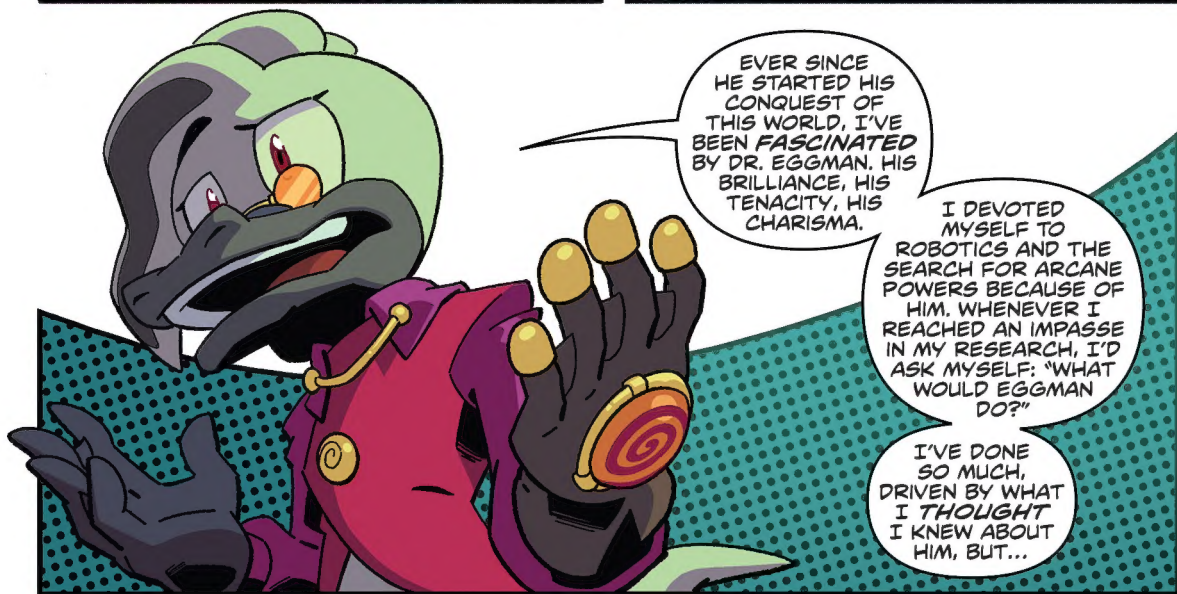
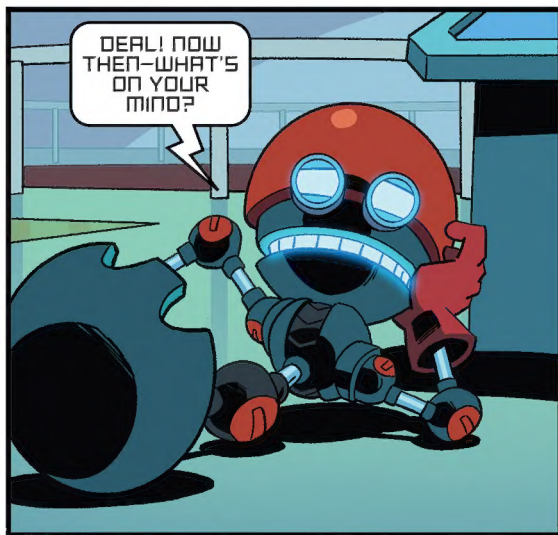
CREAM! CLOSE THE SHUTTERS AND GET AWAY FROM THE WINDOW!

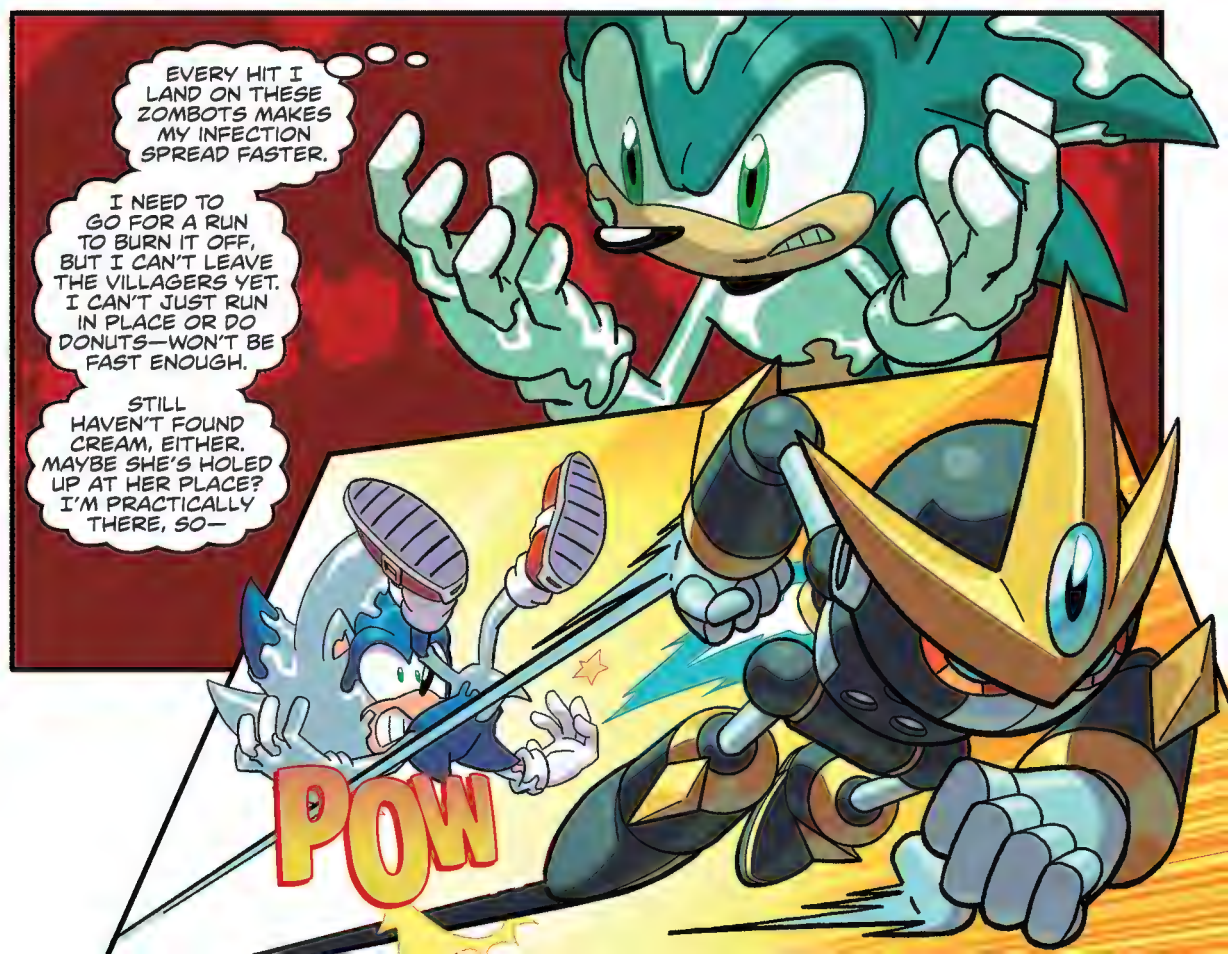
Y-YES, MOTHER!

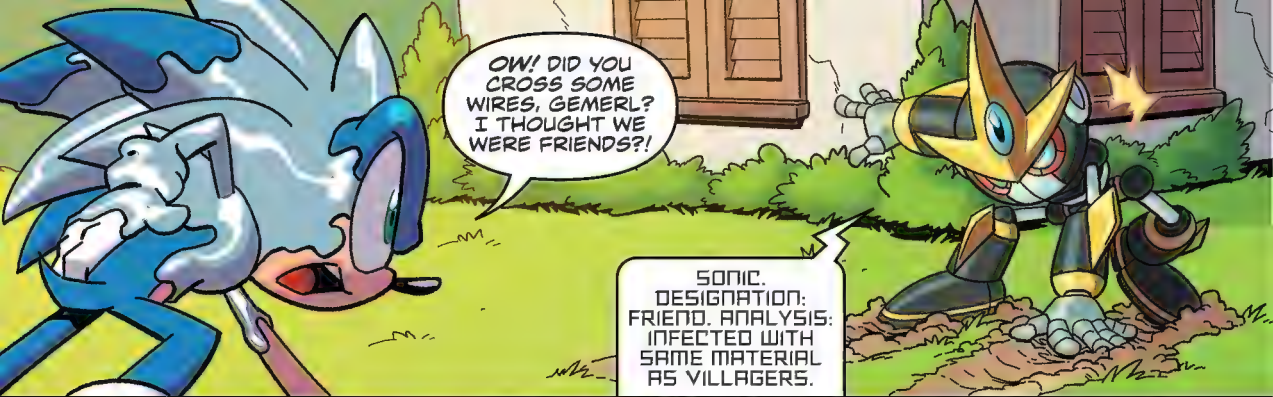












OW! DID YOU
CROSS SOME
WIRES, GEMERL?
I THOUGHT WE
WERE FRIENDS?!

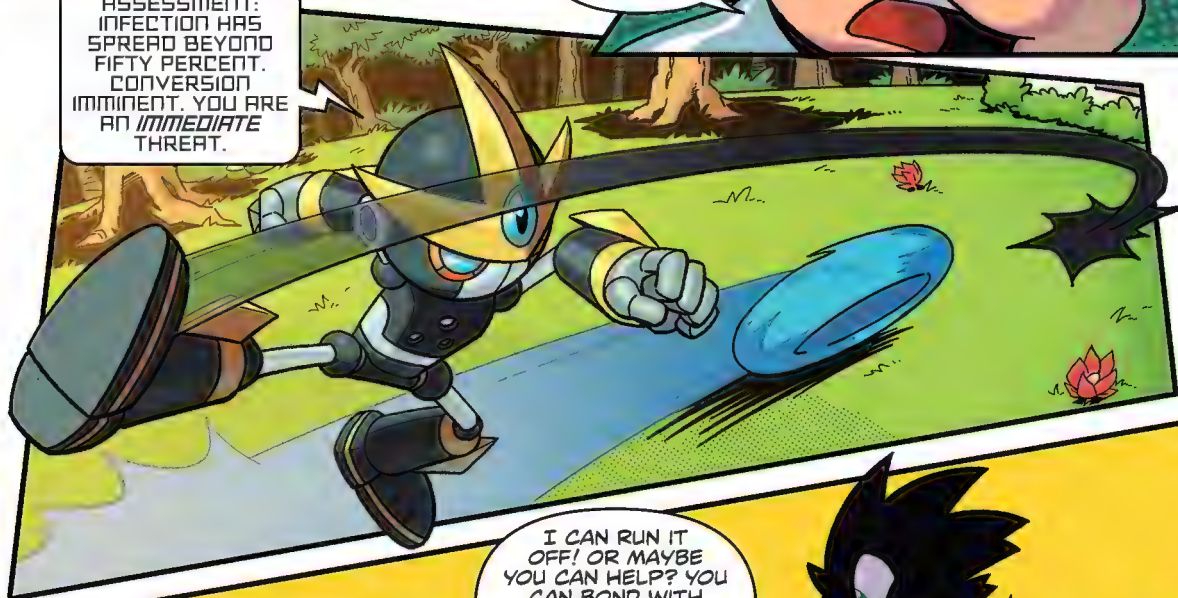
SONIC.
DESIGNATION:
FRIEND. ANALYSIS:
INFECTED WITH
SAME MATERIAL
AS VILLAGERS.



ASSESSMENT:
YOU WILL
TRANSFORM TOO.
HIGHEST LEVEL
THREAT TO CREAM'S
SAFETY. I WILL NOT
ALLOW THAT.

FAIR
ENOUGH.
BUT I CAN
KEEP IT UNDER
CONTROL, G.

ASSESSMENT:
INFECTION HAS
SPREAD BEYOND
FIFTY PERCENT.
CONVERSION
IMMINENT. YOU ARE
AN **IMMEDIATE**
THREAT.

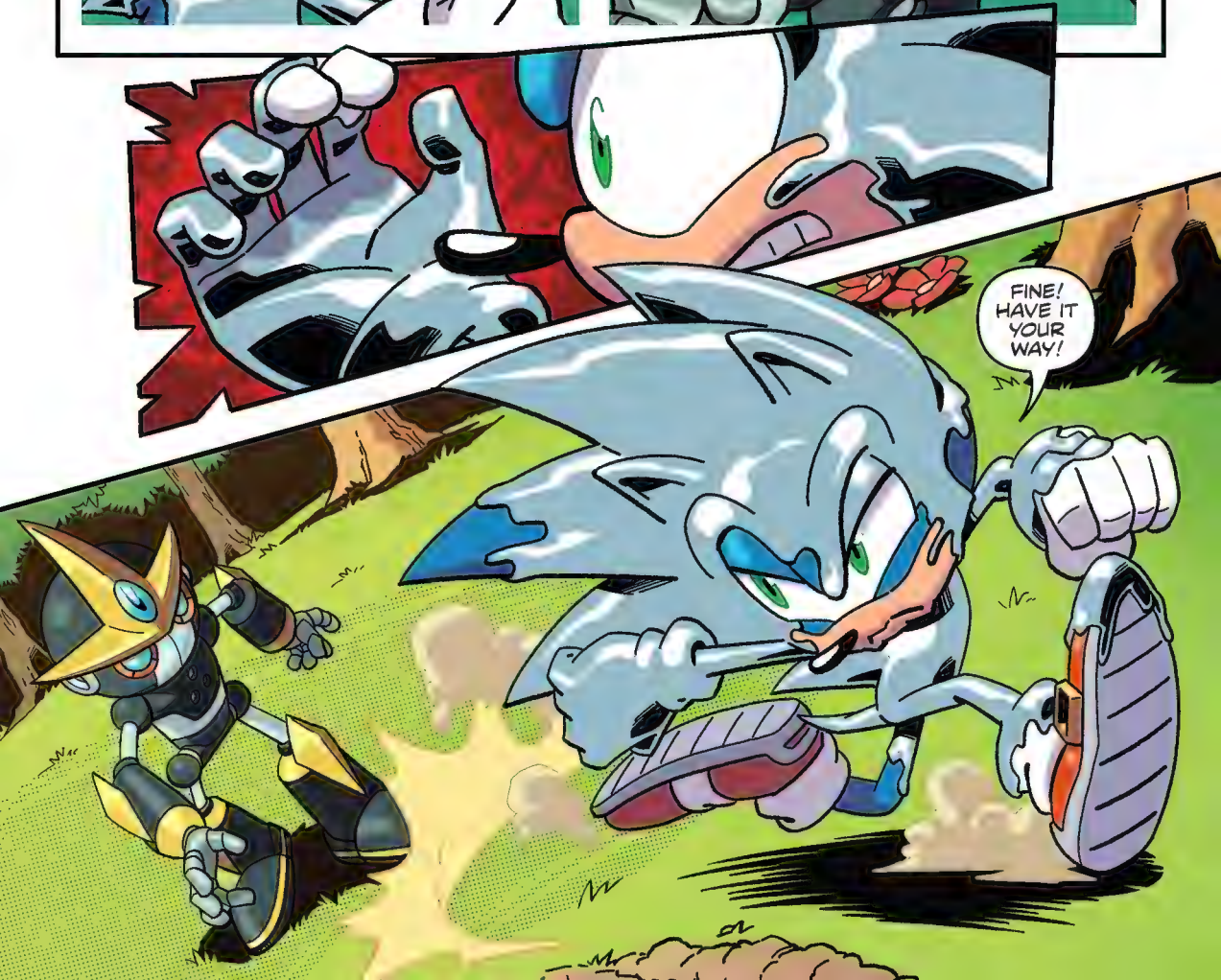
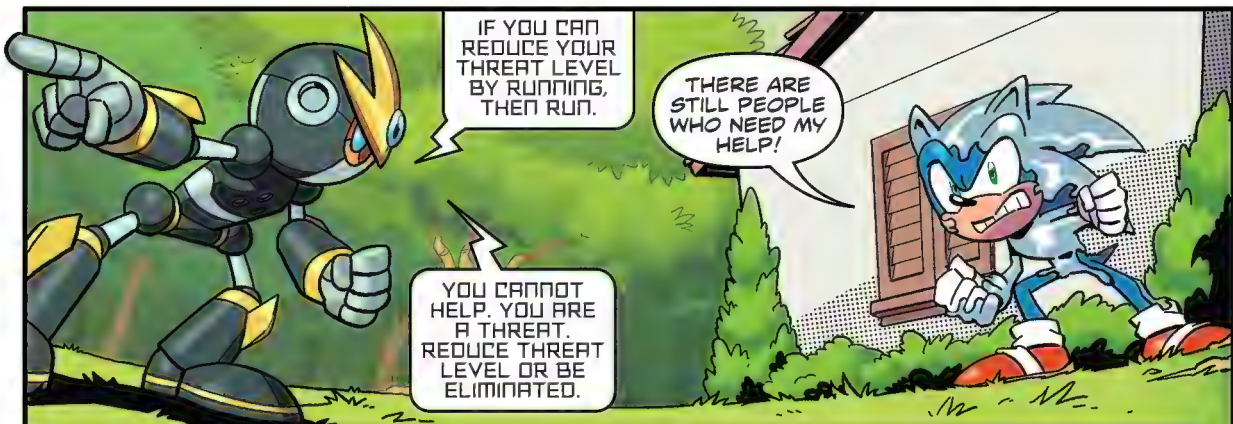


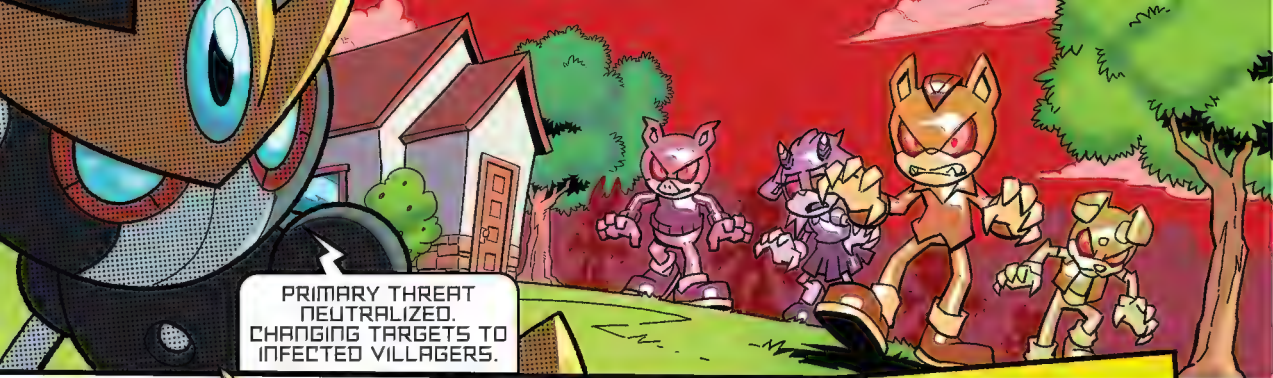
I CAN RUN IT
OFF! OR MAYBE
YOU CAN HELP? YOU
CAN BOND WITH
MACHINES, RIGHT? YOU
COULD BOND WITH
ME, OR ANOTHER
ZOMBOT, AND—

NEGATIVE.
METALLIC VIRUS
INFRASTRUCTURE
INCOMPATIBLE.
I CANNOT CONTROL
IT. IT CANNOT INFECT
ME. ELIMINATION IS
ONLY OPTION.



GEMERL—
NO!





PRIMARY THREAT
NEUTRALIZED.
CHANGING TARGETS TO
INFECTED VILLAGERS.



COMMENCING
PURGE.

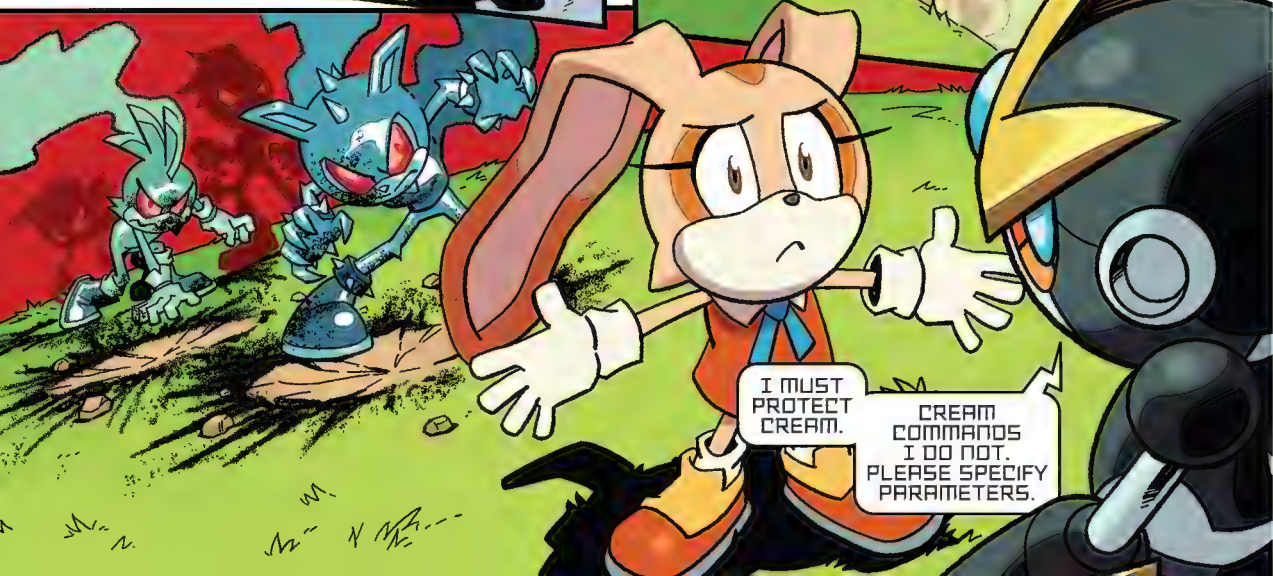


GEMERL!
STOP IT!



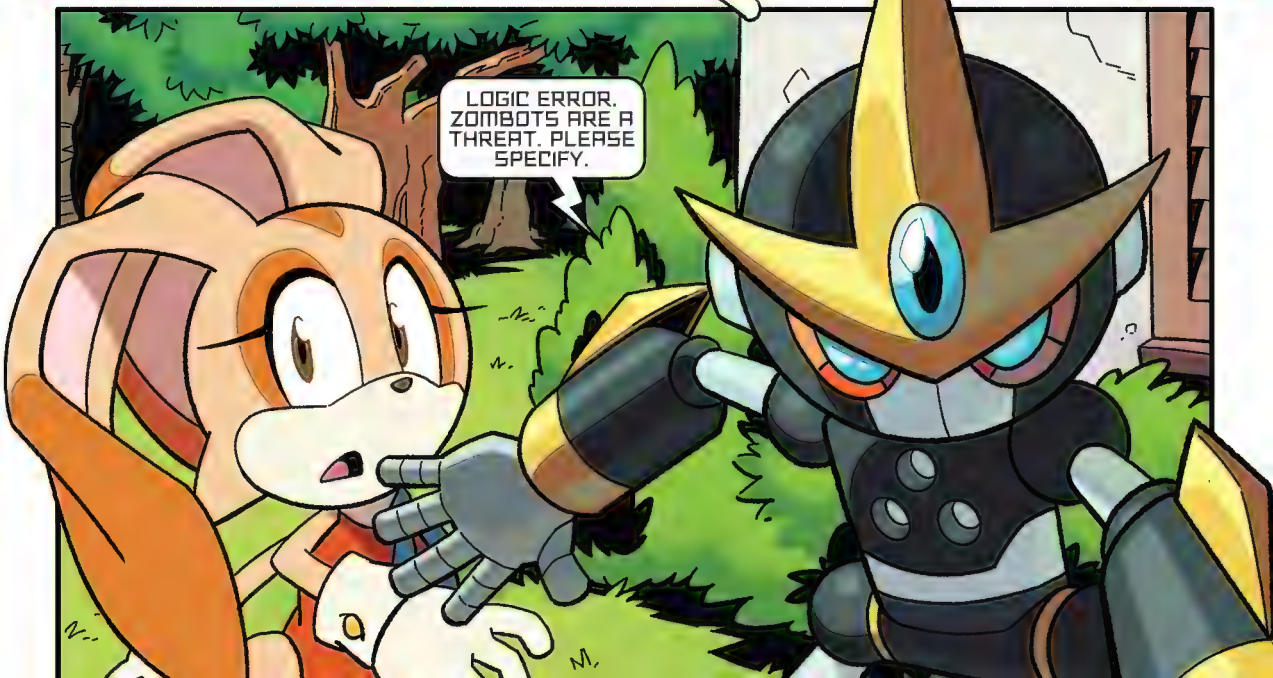
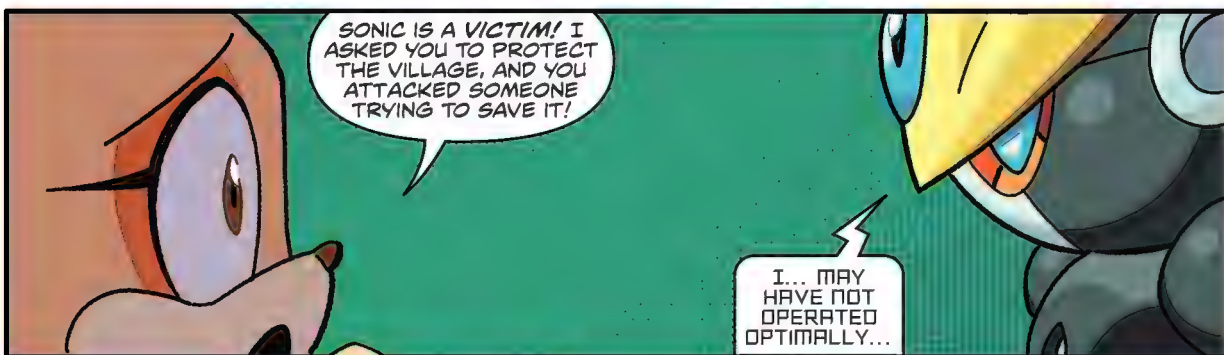
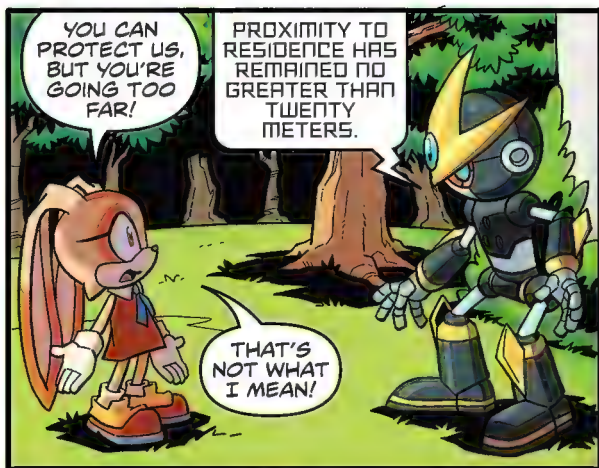
CREAM IS
OUTSIDE
DESIGNATED SAFE
ZONE. PLEASE
RECTIFY.

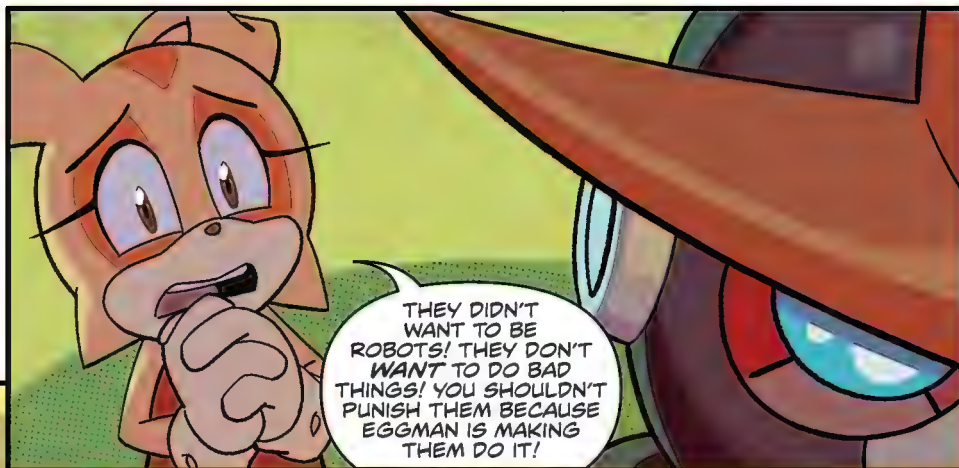
YOU'VE
GOT TO
STOP!



I MUST
PROTECT
CREAM.

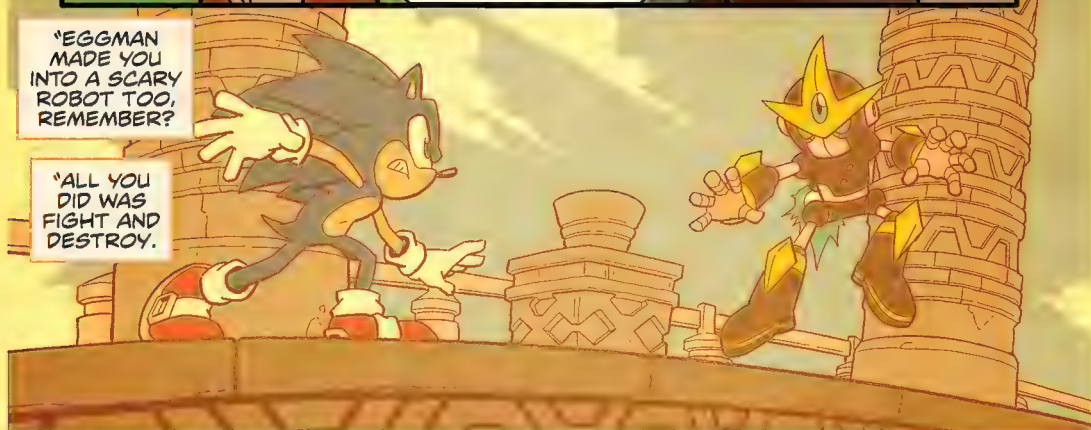
CREAM
COMMANDS
I DO NOT.
PLEASE SPECIFY
PARAMETERS.





"EGGMAN MADE YOU INTO A SCARY ROBOT TOO, REMEMBER?"

"ALL YOU DID WAS FIGHT AND DESTROY."



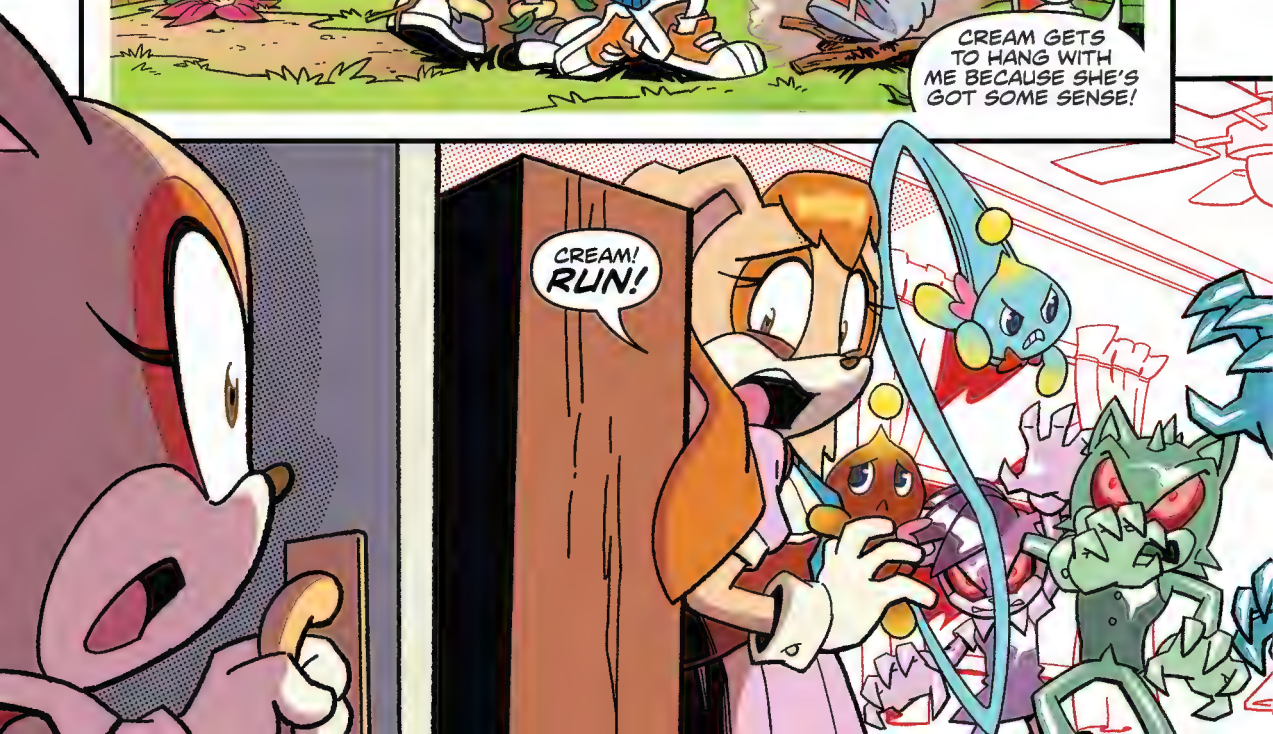
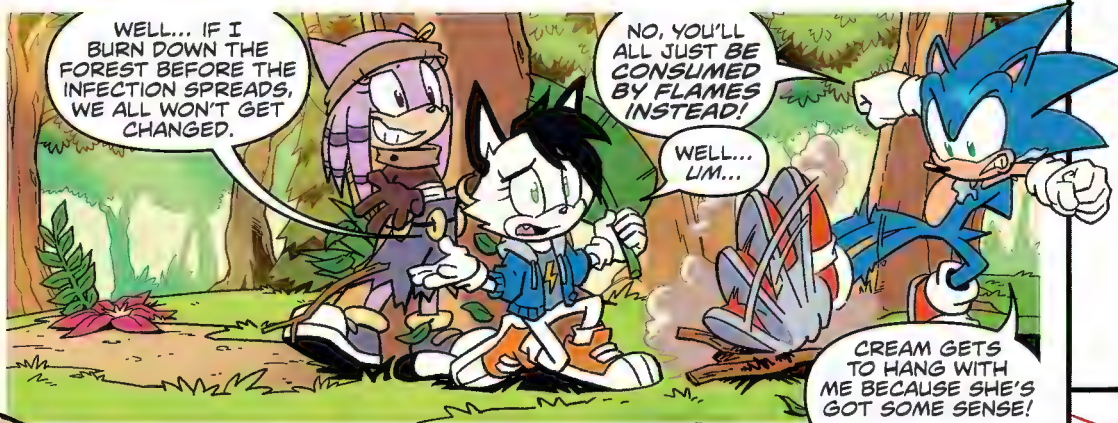
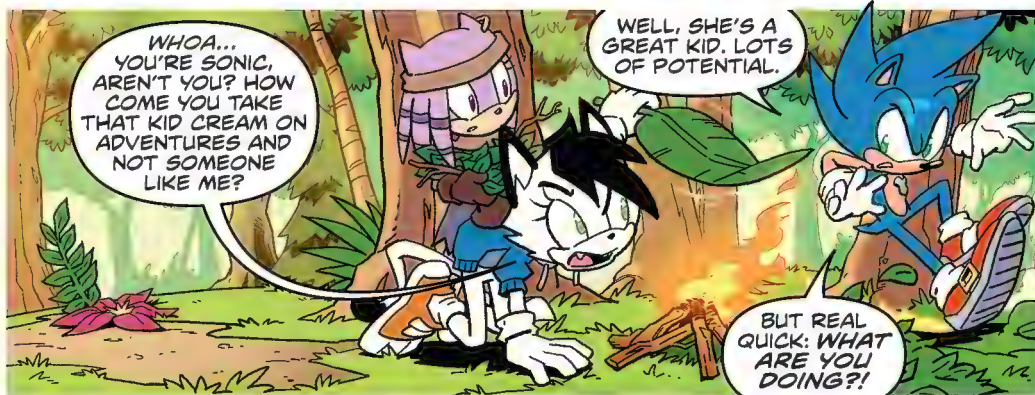
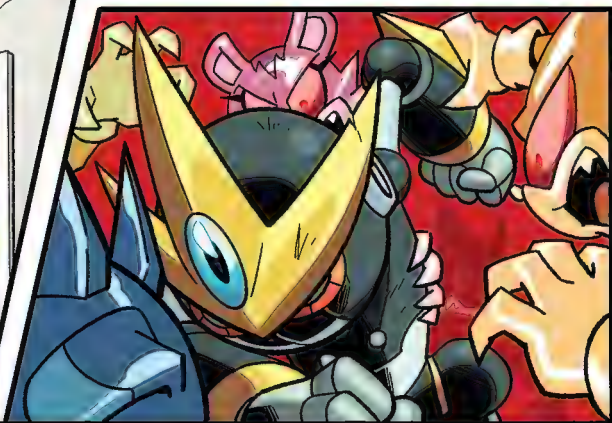
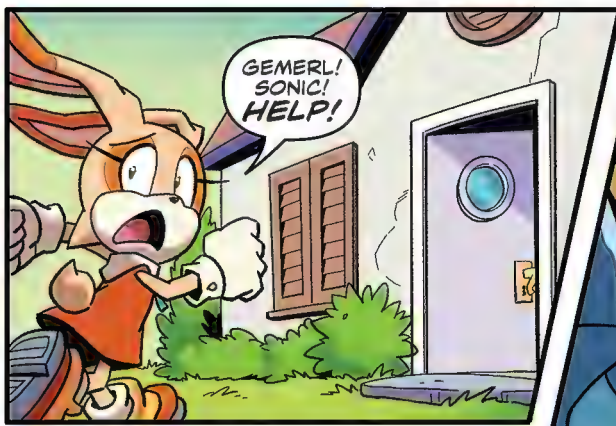
"BUT MY FRIENDS DIDN'T DESTROY YOU. TAILS FIXED YOU. YOU GOT TO COME LIVE WITH ME."

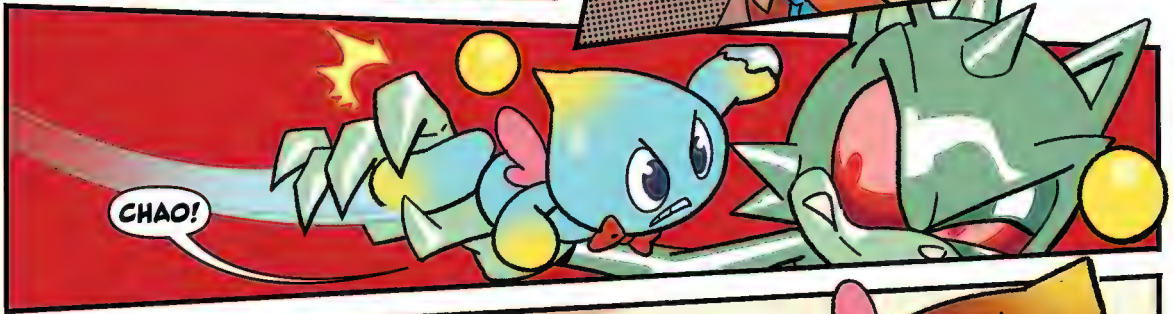


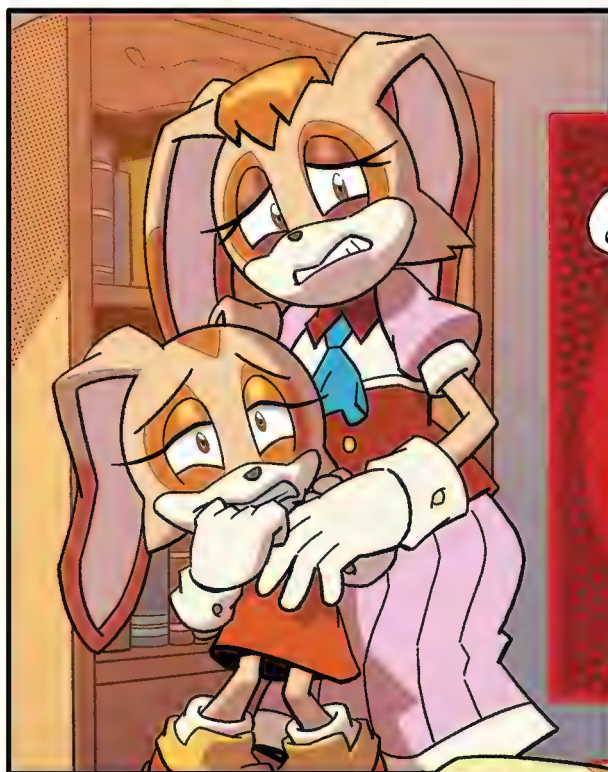
"DON'T THEY DESERVE A CHANCE TO BE FIXED?"

"SHOULDN'T THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO BE HAPPY?"













THANK YOU, MR. SONIC! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

I'LL BE FINE. KEEP SAFE.



KID'S GOING TO GROW UP INTO SOMEONE AMAZING...



WHOA!

SLAM

THANKS.

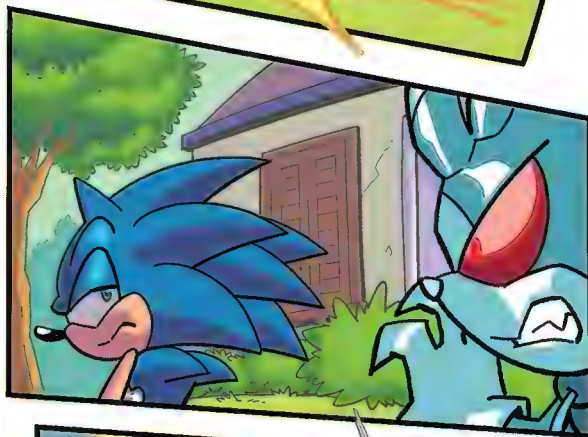
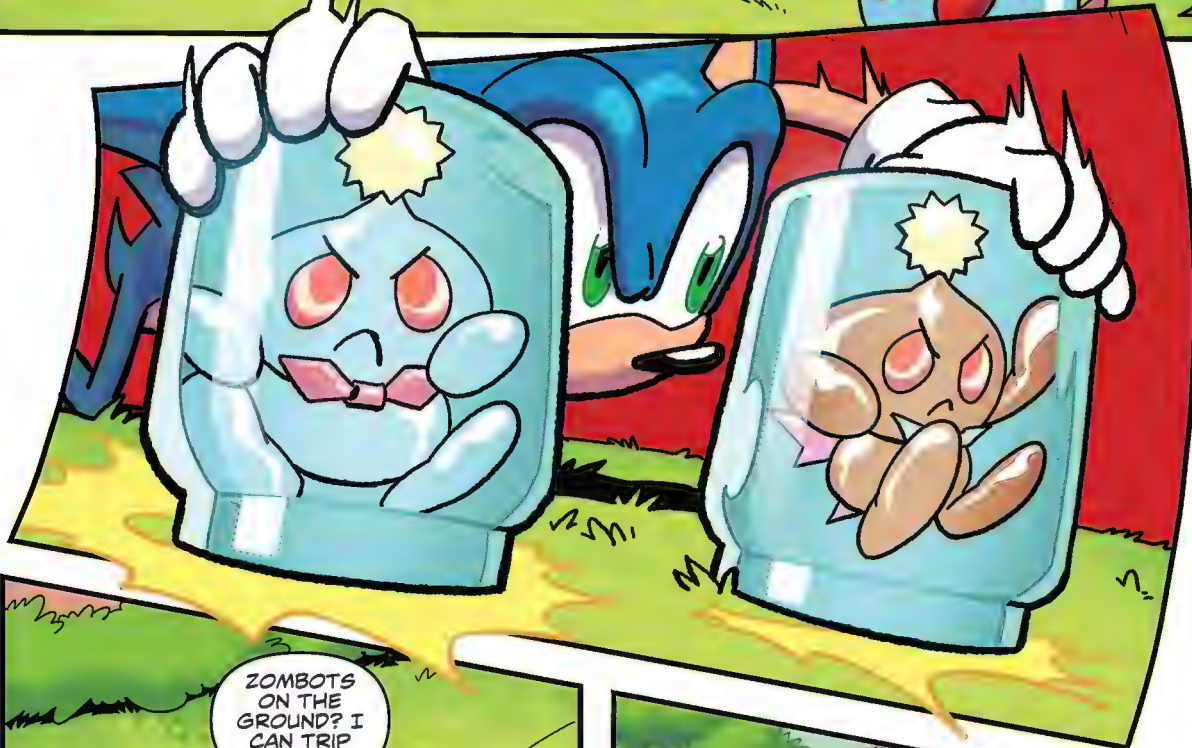
YOU ARE WELCOME. I AM SORRY.

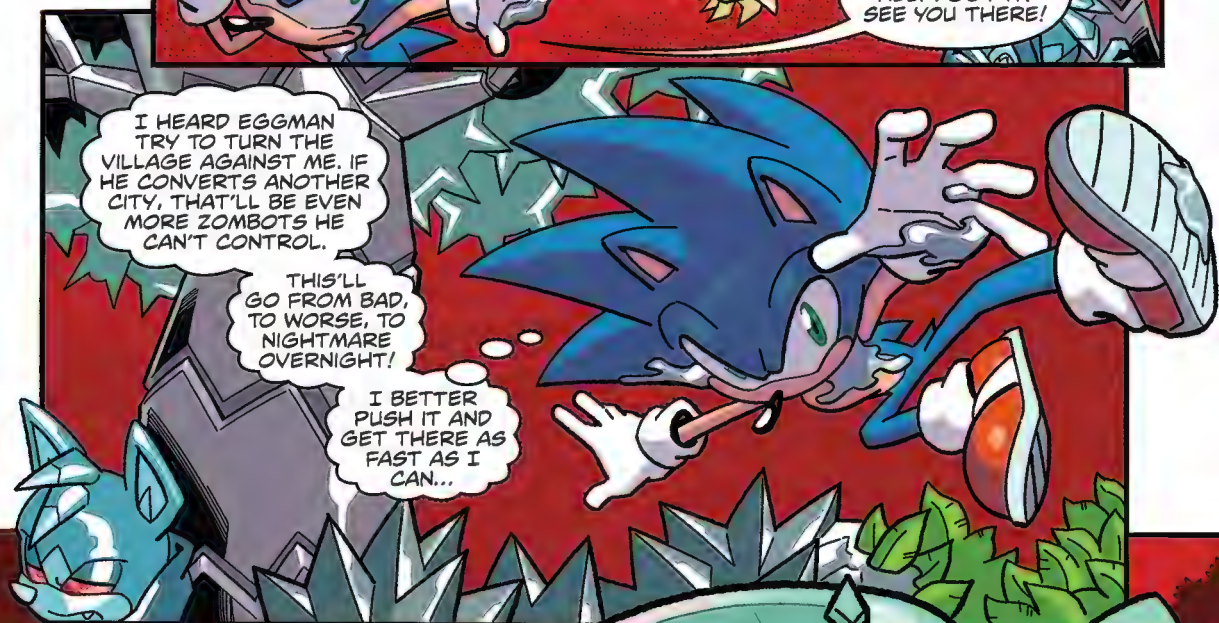
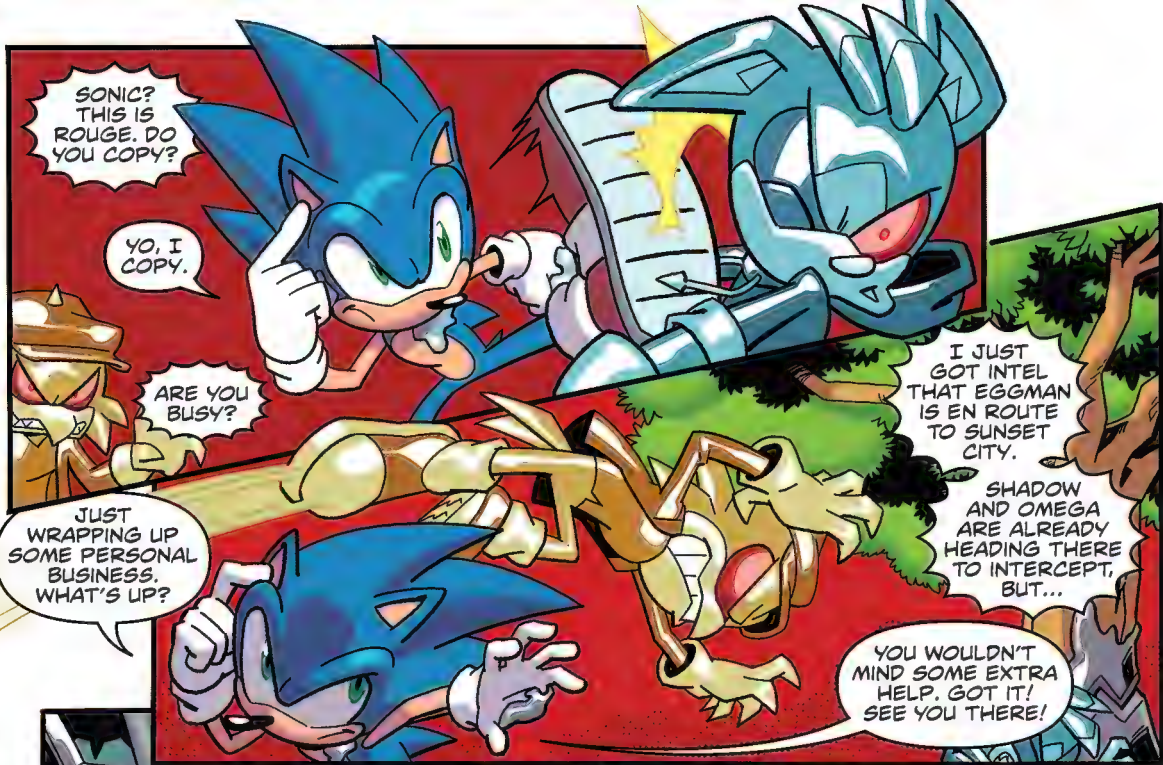
THAT WAS FAST. JUST HOW I LIKE IT.



CREAM AND VANILLA ARE HEADING FOR THE NORTH GLADE. YOU MAKE SURE THE SHUTTLE GETS OFF OKAY. I'LL COVER YOU HERE.

UNDERSTOOD. INITIATING NEW MISSION PARAMETERS.





"...I AM NOT
LOSING ANOTHER
FRIEND TO THIS!"

NEXT TIME:
SONIC &
TEAM DARK
BATTLE FOR
SUNSET
CITY!

Hey Squad! No letters this month, but as a special treat, enjoy this preview of this summer's Tangle & Whisper mini-series! Don't miss out on this fantastically fun story about some of our favorite characters and their friends.

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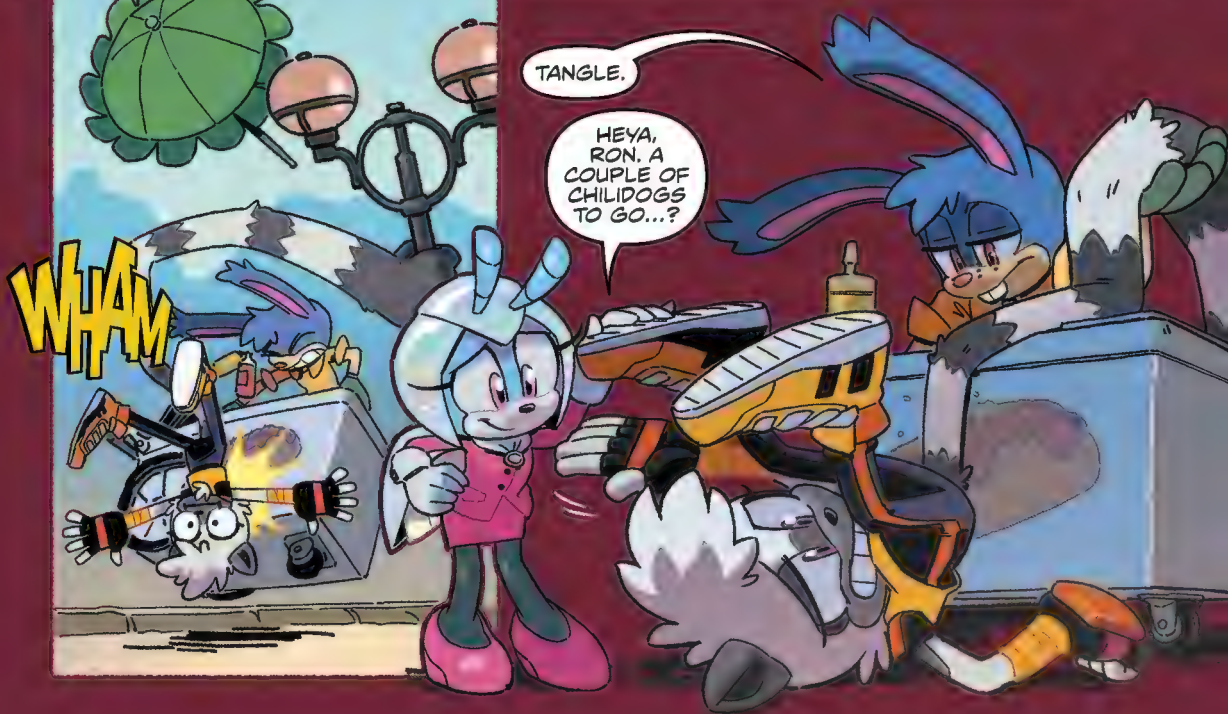
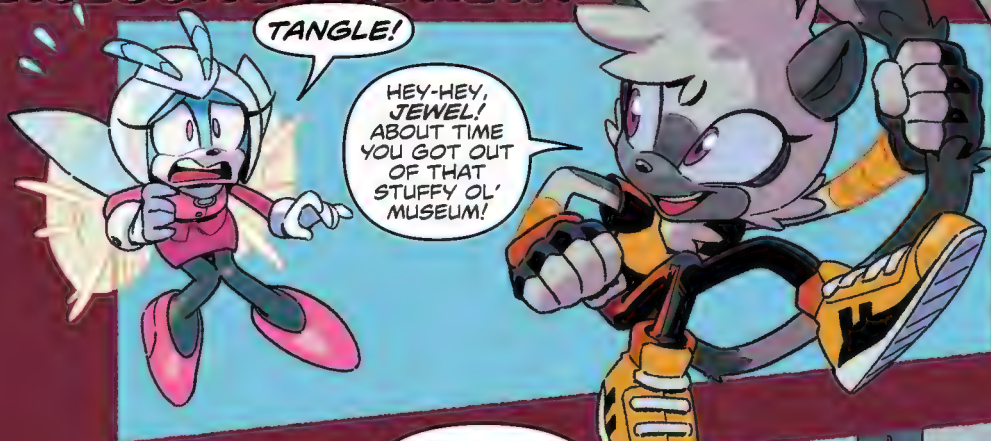
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TANGLE & WHISPER

TANGLE & WHISPER EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW!



LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.

HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE, AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?

TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA
OW HA
HA

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...

...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!



AND I COME
HOME TO PEACE
AND QUIET.
I CAN'T
STAND IT.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM
BEING LIKE SONIC? GOING OUT
THERE AND FINDING YOUR OWN
ADVENTURES?



I'VE THOUGHT
ABOUT IT. SURE, IT'S
TEMPTING, BUT WHAT
IF SOMETHING DOES
HAPPEN HERE?

EGGMAN'S
ROBOTS
ATTACKED
ONCE.*

IT COULD
HAPPEN
AGAIN.

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AND IT'D
BE THE FIRST
TIME YOU'D BE
FLYING SOLO.
LONELY BEFORE
YOU EVEN
LEAVE?

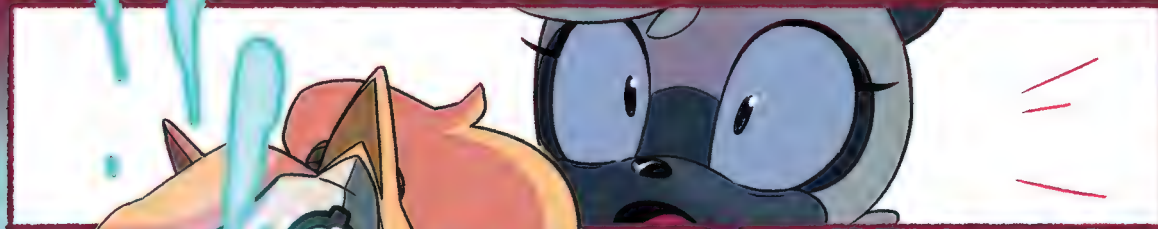
THAT, AND
NERVOUS. I
WOULDN'T
HAVE YOU TO
WATCH MY
BACK.



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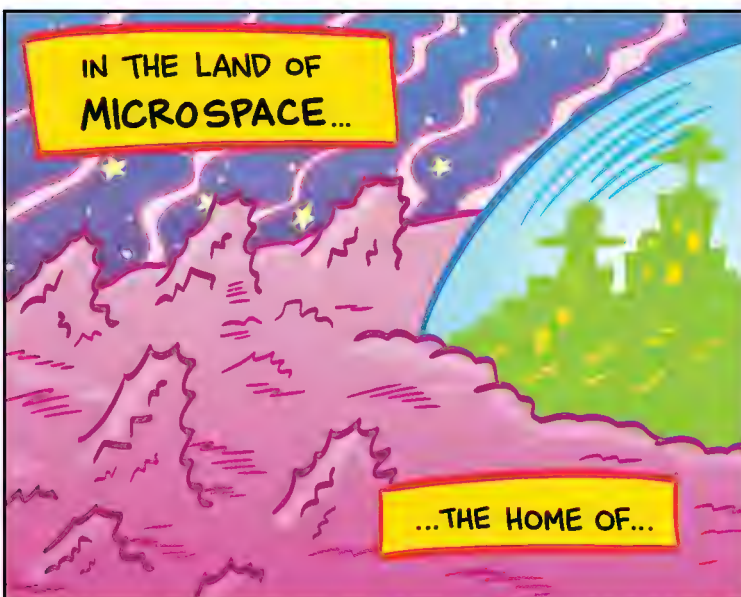
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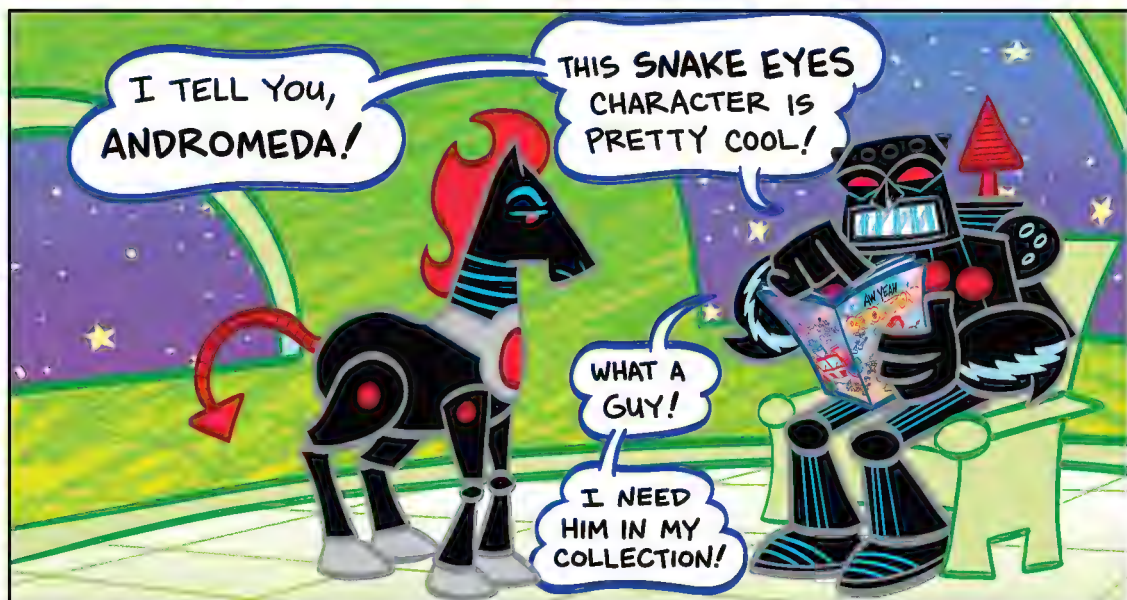
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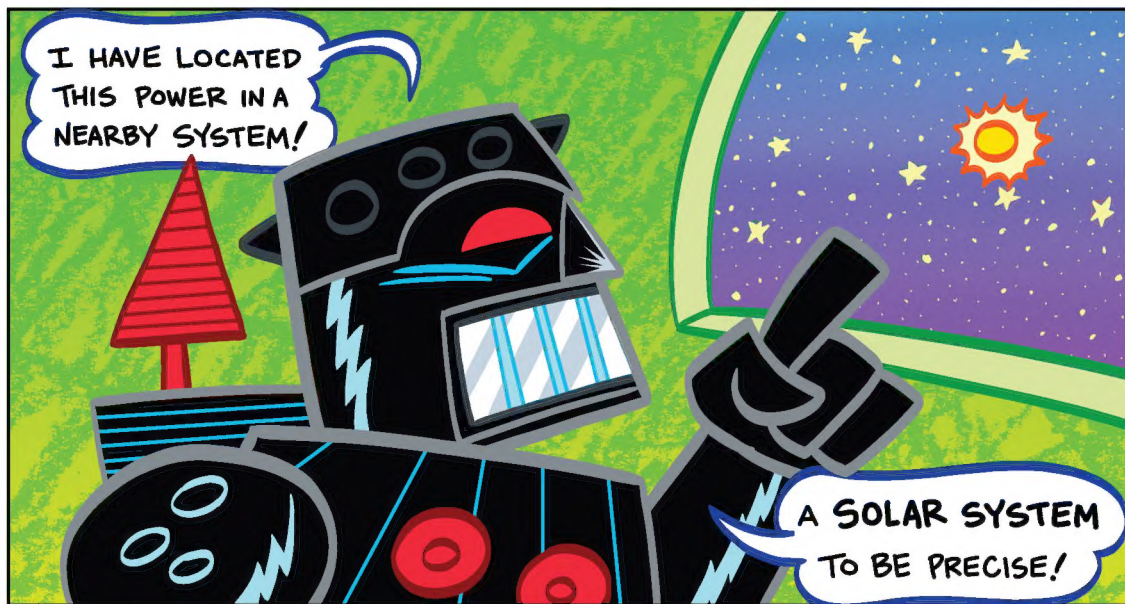


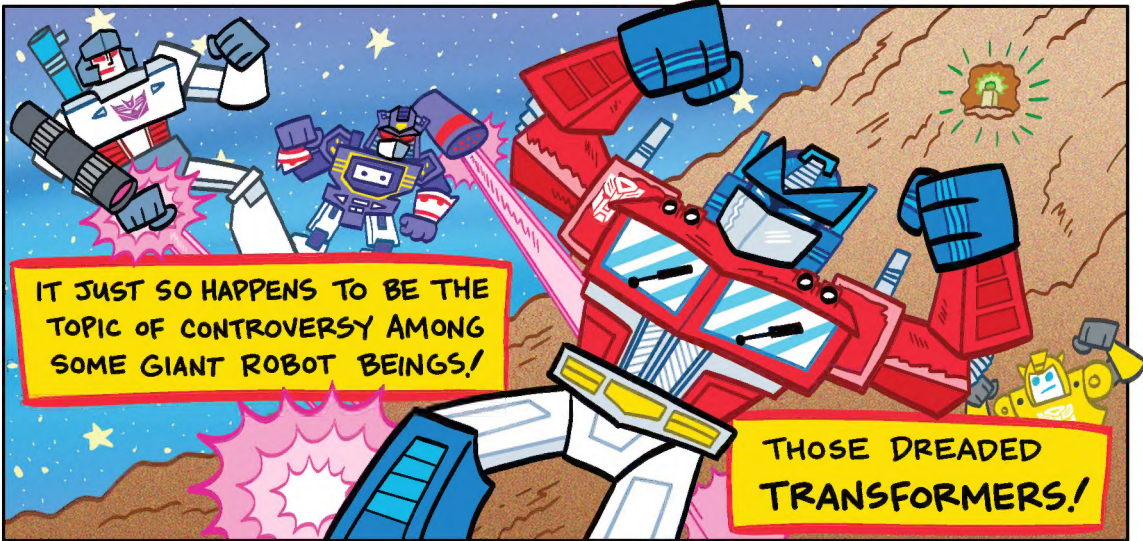
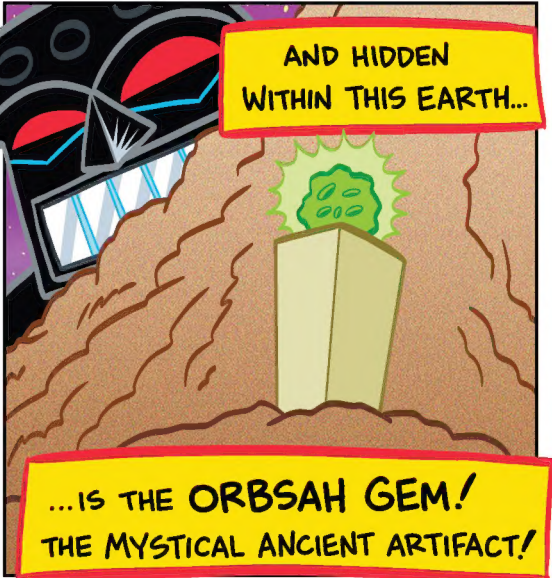
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